

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
September 15, 2021

**Note:** This meeting was held at Farr Center due to the fact a cleaning plan was adopted at the August meeting. The remaining meetings of 2021 should be held in Farr Center if there are to changes to Covid status.

**Call to Order:** President Burger called meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** was given

**ROLL CALL:** Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Hudson, R. Drumm, S. Halloran, W. Miller& S. Schwing.  
Also present Clerk, Ruth Hudson. Treasurer, Nikki Jach/absent

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Rogers-her name was misspelled in the August minutes. Now corrected.

**County Commissioner:** no report

**MINUTES:** Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Drumm supported to accept the August 31, 2021 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

**TREASURER'S REQUEST:** none.

**BILLS / TRANSFERS:** Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Miller supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for August. Question from Trustee Halloran regarding the Consumer Energy bill. This bill was twice as much as the one in August. Clerk will investigate and report in October. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Arthur, Burger, Hudson, Drumm, Schwing, Halloran, Miller and Burger/yes, M/C.

**-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ZONING:** There is a vacancy on the ZBA.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** no meeting held in September. Issues that they need to deal with concern a fence that may or may not be legal and a change to the zoning ordinance to allow building on a small parcel.

**Lara Treemore Spears** applied to fill the vacancy on the PB. Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the appointment of Lara to the Planning Board. M/C. Welcome Lara!!

**SEWER**

--**Sewer Connection contract:**

Newly built home in Onekama Shores Sub (7510 First St) asking to connect. After some discussion, Drumm moved, Arthur supported to approve this new connection. M/C. Billing will start as of August 1.

---**USDA -RD Sewer Improvements Funding Project/ Additional Engineering Services**  
Halloran moved, Miller supported to approve the signing of this contract by President Burger.M/C.

**President Burger also reported** work continues on cleaning out the invasive species at irrigation site.

**STREETS:**

--3<sup>rd</sup> street reconstruction should begin 1<sup>st</sup> week of Oct.

**PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER**

**Parks**

--Jetty Repair Proposal: Bid proposal from Swidorski Bros. includes 3 options.

**Option #1.: Steel Seawall/West Side of Pier \$54,845.00**

**Option #2: Rock Access Road/build a 10' wide access on west side of pier \$26,225.00**

**Optional Add: 100 ton limestone toe stone, single row to hold rip rap in place. Add \$13,500. To above cost.** After some discussion, Trustee Schwing moved, Drumm supported to use money in the reserve fund and go with option#1. Roll Call: Hudson, Miller, Arthur, Drumm, Schwing, Halloran and Burger/yes. M/C. President Burger will make contact with Swidorski re: starting date of this project.

--Trustee Halloran asked the board to give some thought to keeping the bathrooms in the park open later then the first part of Oct(make it Nov 1<sup>st</sup>) for the leaf peepers. Some discussion but the consensus at this time to close as usually after fall festival.

**-Board received letter from Shirley Brooks (chair of PLGC Fountain Refurbishment Project)** asking for permission to continue the current program of care (using HTH Chlorine) for the park fountain. As stated in the August minutes a complaint from a local businessman re; the chemicals used in the maintenance of the fountain. EGLE has been in contact with the Village and the PLGC re: this issue. EGLE is requiring A NPDES application be filed by the PLGC. At this time the Village can't grant permission until EGLE is satisfied. Village will work with the PLGC (Shirley Brooks assured the council the PLGC will work with the board to resolve this issue) to complete this process

**Farr Center:**

--Trustee Schwing reported the FC committee met prior to this meeting. They recommend Farr Center main door be unlocked, now that FC is open to the public. Discussion. Consensus, unlock main door. They also recommend opening the restrooms to public. Discussion. Consensus open restrooms to public.

Trustee Schwing stated that since Trustee Halloran was removed as chairperson a chair for the committee needs to be appointed. President Burger told them to decide among themselves who would be the chair. Quick decision, Schwing is the new chair. President Burger also reminded them that he had removed Trustee Halloran completely from this committee. She is still on two other committees.

--Trustee Drumm reported that the tree damaged from the last storm in the library parking lot will be removed as soon as our brush removal guys can fit us in their schedule.

**CEMETERY:**

--quiet

**TOWNSHIP REPORT.** On line

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

--Trustee Halloran again asked President Burger to answer her e-mails and to post office hours. She had e-mailed the clerk and President Burger inquiring about the Village by-laws. President Burger responded that our charter is what dictates how the village is run-our by-laws. President Burger will meet with the public (and the council members) if they e-mail him to make an appointment. He has a busy schedule and comes into the office at varied times.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**--Habitat for Humanity Request**

Requested that the Village waive the cost (\$100.00) of a building permit (a handicap ramp) and reimburse Manistee County Habitat for Humanity \$100.00. The Onekama Lions Club assisted with incurring the cost of building materials and permits. Much discussion from all members. Trustee Schwing moved, Drumm supported to be consistent with our policies and not to waive the fee.

**It was clarified for the clerk, that a yes vote means you agree with the motion, not to waive fee.** Roll Call vote:

Schwing, Hudson, Miller and Burger/YES    Drumm, Arthur and Halloran/NO. Motion fails.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Lions Club Shirley Brooks/PLGC Lara Treemore Spears Swidorski Bros. Fleis& Vandenbrink

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marcia Rogers/special use permits, Val Harmond/handi capped curbs, Diane Wemlinger/safety of Jetty and John Wemlinger/Habitat for Humanity and Village policies

**ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully:

Ruth Hudson